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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An open hem flange for a vehicle comprising:
an inner panel; and
an outer panel having a first outer portion and a second inner portion, the second inner portion being folded about the inner panel at a base of the inner panel, the inner panel having a plurality of dimpled sections for providing a standoff to the second inner portion of the outer panel.
2. (Original) The open hem flange of claim 1 wherein the the second inner portion of the outer panel and the inner panel define a gap in-between.
3. (Original) The open hem flange defined in claim 1 wherein the plurality of dimpled sections are evenly spaced along the edge of the inner door panel.
4. (Original) The open hem flange defined in claim 1 wherein an adhesive is disposed between the first outer portion of the outer panel and the inner panel.
5. (Original) The open hem flange defined in claim 1 wherein the outer portion of the outer panel and the inner panel define a second gap in-between the outer portion of the outer panel and the inner panel.
6. (Original) The open hem flange defined in claim 5 wherein the adhesive is an expandable adhesive.

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7. (Original) The open hem flange defined in claim 5 wherein the adhesive is a non-expandable adhesive.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).